(b) whether it is a fact that the President of OPPI made a statement that Government have assured that recommendations of BICP would be accepted without any examination and no further drugs would be included under price control;

(c) whether it is also a fact that trade associations have been misled and provoked for confrontation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some statements to this effect have appeared in the Newspapers.

(c) and (d) Misinformation has been spread that the Government has decided to reduce the trade margins; whereas the fact of the matter is that no such decision has been taken. Industry and trade were assured that all the issues will be decided on merits and keeping in view the objective of abundant availability of medicines at reasonable prices.

Revision of Bulk Drug Prices

1353. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the formulations and bulk drugs prices of which have been revised after the new Government took over;

(b) what were their earlier prices and what are the revised prices of each; and

(c) what is the percentage increase in each case and what steps have been taken to arrest the trend of increase in their prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) The requisite information in respect of bulk drugs is given in the annexed Statement. (*see* below). Similar information in respect of formulations is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House. The prices of controlled drugs and formulations are fixed in accordance with the provisions contained in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987. In the case of non-scheduled medicines, Government keep a constant watch and intervene in such cases where the increase appears to be abnormal. In a number of cases the manufacturers of non-scheduled medicines have reduced the prices after Government's intervention.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the drug	Old price (Rs.)	New price (Rs.)	%increase/ decrease
1	Aluminium Hydroxile	22/Kg	29.13/Kg	+32.41
2	Procain Penicillin G	1127/BU	1022/BU	-9.32
3	Sodium Penicillin G	1108/BU	1207/BU	+8.94
4	Potassium Penicillin G	650/BU	695/BU	+6.92
5	Sodium Pass	151/Kg	166/Kg	+9.93
6	Iodochlorohydroxyquinoline (a) Atul Products (b) East India Pharma (c) Albert David	269/Kg 296/Kg *307/Kg	275/Kg	-10.42

Sl. No.	Name of the drug	old price (Rs.)	New price (Rs.)	%increase/ decrease
7	Ethambutol Hcl.			
	(a) Lupin Lab.	699/Kg		
	(b) Cadila	*984/Kg	752/Kg	−23 58
	(c) Themis	861/Kg		
	(d) Arti Ltd.	752/Kg		
8	Chlorophenicol Powder	1110/Kg	1133/Kg	+2.07
9	Quinine Sulphate			
	(a) Govt. Quinine factory West Bengal	4067/Kg	2182/Kg	−46.35
	(b) Govt. Quinine factory Tamil Nadu	2892/Kg	1518/Kg	−47.51
10	Metanizole	313/Kg	280/Kg	−10.54
11	Actazolamide	746/Kg	735.64/Kg	−1.39
12	Paracetamol	115/Kg	122/Kg	+6.09
13	Ephedrine Hcl.	1016/Kg	1300/Kg	+27.95
14	Vitamin C Plain	221/Kg	272/Kg	+23.08
15	Vitamin C Coated	232/Kg	280/Kg	+20.69
16	Sodium Ascorbat	247/Kg	289/Kg	+17.00
17	Predinisolone Acetate	26451/Kg	28556/Kg	+7.96
18	Predinisolone	22420/Kg	25234/Kg	+12.55
19	Theophilline	289/Kg	300/Kg	+3.81
20	Tetracycline Hcl.	971/Kg	1022/Kg	+5.25
21	Doxycycline	5456/Kg	4968/Kg	−8.94
22	Amodiaguine Hcl.	564/Kg	648.60/Kg	+15 00
23	Mebhydroline Napadisylate	1132.18/Kg	1010/Kg	−10.79

Regulation of Fees charged by Private Doctors/Nursing Homes

1354. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to regulate the consultation and treatment fees charged by the private doctors, nursing homes and hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, whether several State Governments also propose to follow such an action; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAHSEED MASOOD): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c) Under the Constitution, State Governments are competent to enact legislation for the control of Nursing Home and Hospitals. In Maharashtra and Delhi, the Nursing Acts/Rules regulate the standards to be maintained in Nursing Homes.